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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE GARFIELD PARK ARTS CENTER'S OPEN HOUSE

View exhibits, learn about upcoming programs and special events, and meet the new GPAC Manager

INDIANAPOLIS – (May 21, 2010) Indy Parks & Recreation's Garfield Park Arts Center (GPAC) will host an open house from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow, May 22, 2010. Swing by to experience all the GPAC has to offer! This is your chance to sample workshops led by talented Teaching Artists representing many mediums including clay, drawing, painting, jewelry-making, dance, drumming, vocal performance and more. Plus various clubs and arts enthusiast groups will also be sharing their passions and encouraging you to get involved. The GPAC's three gallery spaces will be exhibiting the work of the Indiana Photographic Society and University of Indianapolis' students.

Lesley Meier, the new GPAC Manager, will be on-hand to discuss exciting new changes for the GPAC including an outreach initiative that will bring local artists and GPAC staff to the various Indy Parks' family centers.

"I am excited to welcome Lesley Meier into the role of GPAC Manager. Her experience as a studio owner and background as a Teaching Artist make her the ideal person to build upon the GPAC's current programming," said Arts Senior Manager Tom Weidenbach. "Lesley's talent for making art accessible and enjoyable will propel the GPAC to bring programming to spaces that would benefit from additional arts opportunities. Families who take part will enjoy exercising their creative muscles together as they delve into visual and performance arts."

Lesley Meier is a life-long resident of Indianapolis. She earned her B.A. in theatre and theology at Hanover College and her M.S. in Secondary Education at Indiana University. For three years she managed The Studio School & Gallery in Irvington offering arts classes and showcasing numerous exhibits. She also volunteers her time serving as board president for the Irvington Guild of Artists.

"I am thrilled to bring my passion for the arts and arts education to Indy Parks. The Garfield Park Arts Center is an amazing facility that can truly serve as the hub for community arts classes and organizations on the Southside of Indianapolis," said Meier.



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With expanded hours, hands-on family arts activities, a rotating schedule of exhibits and internationally-themed special events, the GPAC is a unique space, and getting better all the time! Take this opportunity to sample and enroll in a class, and then share your thoughts with Lesley and the other GPAC staff as to how the GPAC could be even better.

Who: Indy Parks: Garfield Park Arts Center Teaching Artists, Partners and Staff.

What: Garfield Park Arts Center Open House

Where: Garfield Park Arts Center
2432 Conservatory Drive

When: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. May 22, 2010

About The Garfield Park Arts Center

The Garfield Park Arts Center engages Indianapolis residents in diverse, artistic and cultural exhibits, arts classes and special events. It features performing arts spaces, visual arts galleries, classrooms and a literary arts library. The galleries, rich with exhibits of local and regional art, are open to the public at no charge. The GPAC is open Tuesdays to Thursdays from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m., 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Fridays, 9:00 to 5:00 Saturdays and 1:00 to 5:00 Sundays (closed Mondays). For more information on these or other Garfield Park events, please call (317) 327-7135 or visit www.indyparks.org or the GPAC page on Facebook.

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